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Dear Maudy

Your dear letter of July 20<sup>th</sup> received to day. I begin to think that it was going to be very late, It is three days late perhaps it was on the Steamer Lahn she met with an accident which detained her several days at sea her Machinery broke down. I see that our Annona must be fixing something all the time if it aint one thing it is another never takes time to rest one moment.

I am pleased that Mama is feeling more contented, and that the meals are more to her liking. I expect to hear that Mama has grown much heavier very soon has her weigh as soon as you can. I am sorry to hear that your nervousness is no better. I think the goats milk is very good for you, you must stay whole you have the best health never mind the Studais.

Honey I see Mama when the storm is



raging it is a long time since she experienced  
such storms. She must not be scared.

I am pleased that Mama is taking an interest  
in what she sees it is a good education  
and must be very interesting indeed.

The Priest must be a jolly old fellow are you  
acquainted with him?

Well I did not know that I wrote such a good  
letter and that it please Mama so much  
every word I write is just as I felt and  
thought at the time, sometimes I think  
that my letters are very uninteresting,  
your letters are always interesting and am  
always looking for them.

Well Maudy the Shoemaker did not charge  
much to repair mams shoes, perhaps <sup>that</sup> were  
not worth the price of fixing them, that  
is why the Shoemaker charged such a small price,

ah, I think you have a very good boarding  
house make yourselves at home wherever  
you may be, so you cant get a steak,  
you should see the dandies I have  
and I cook them to a turn I think  
of you while I am eating them, but  
that dont do you any good does it?

yes that will be nice for Mama to  
go to Thal and see the sights and  
become acquainted with Mrs Bock  
and Family



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I have written to Grandpapa and received  
no reply as yet, but will write again.  
Tom Lord has written and he has not  
received any word from them either.  
I cannot understand what can be the  
matter with them. Tell Mama not  
to worry about Theos Stamps I will  
not give any of them away or any thing  
belonging to him and to not worry  
about any thing of that kind now bare  
that in mind. The examinations  
dont come of untill September I may  
be able to take them then if not then  
by later.

Now dont overtax yourself with work  
thats is nothing in it. This giving  
lessons may be alright but you must  
have the time and health above all  
things. Well so you didnt announce  
Mama the first thing I know I  
will have to go over thair and fail  
you out. The Police will be looking  
you up for being negligent do you see.  
I will call on Mrs Boardman and  
tell him that Mama want his



Photo I have called at his office several  
times lately but he was out the  
last time I called Miss Brown told  
me that he was much better than  
when I last wrote you, Mrs Walters  
is back from the country they  
had a very nice time I had a  
very nice talk with her. She  
wishes to be remembered to you  
in all kindness,

You should see May Mc Carthy  
she is the loudest dressed woman  
on Market st, I met her and girty  
McCarthy the other day and I was  
surprised I tell you they wer more  
than swell very loud I cannot  
begin to describe their dress their  
hats were white mans hats with  
very handson blue ribbon around  
them very jockey every body  
would turn and look at them Franks  
dresses swell also I met him last  
Sunday at the Station he was  
going to the dog races May  
was not with him, Mr & Mrs Plumble  
wish to be remembered to you



and kindest wishes, I have not seen  
Mrs Vice lately. H Sivens received a  
letter from Alice Mc Chen. She is well  
and enjoying herself very much visiting  
all her friends.

Mrs Plumb told me that she had  
to sew Mrs MacDonald for a milk  
bill it was only nine dollars she  
owed it over a year. There are the  
kind of people with lots of money  
who never pay if they can get out of it.

Papa Perk & Alice are quit well and send  
their love to Mama and Maudy. I call  
their every week on my way home  
we have not dined together since  
Mama went away. They dont know  
when Phil will be home but hope he  
will come soon.

There is going to be a grate time when  
the California Boys come home  
There has been fifty thousand dollars  
subscribed to give them a reseption  
market at and the City Hall is  
to be lighted up for the occasion  
all the Steam Ship in the harbor  
are going out to meet them and  
will carry about twenty thousand  
People



The Thompson Family send their regards  
to Mama and you they are all well

Now Dear Mama it will be Maudy's  
turn to open this letter as it is addressed  
to her, I dont know but what I will  
have to address all letters to both  
so either can open them on sight  
dont you think that will be the best  
way? then their wont be a row  
to see who shall read it first

I have no secrets so I think the first  
to receive can open them (See)

Mama Dear You must be very careful  
when you ware those soft Soleshoes  
as they get wet very easy dont get  
your feet wet or you will take cold

I would have leather Soles put on  
them if I was you - or you will have  
to pack rubbers with you now dont  
forget, my news is very scarce I will  
close hoping you will always enjoy  
your self where ever you may be, and  
that our Darling will soon be well  
again

Lovingly Papa to Mama  
Or Maudy my Stars